

growing subscription list, just as a vigorous, healthy tree is always growing; this proves its worth and marks the increase of its power. Some few folk will now and then drop the paper from frivolous, fancied reason. We had a man do that once because his wife hated Vermont; that was a stunner! The first time someone stopped his paper we thought we should have to shut up shop the next week, but in a few days, one, two, a half a dozen new subscribers came in, and a little inquiry revealed the fact that the articles which pinched the corns of the man who ordered his paper stopped so pleased these other six that they subscribed. That was all, because human nature is built that way and the experienced newspaper man soon learns that fact, so that when the man comes in whose wife "hates Vermont wus than she hates pizen," comes in, he smiles, because he has learned that six or eight others are coming in during the week to say, "I like what you said last week; put my name down for a year," and he puts down his cash.

Hence, it has passed into a proverb in the profession that the two great things a live newspaper needs to make its success assured, is to have someone order the paper stopped, and another to threaten a libel suit.

Modesty forbids, but our inborn truth and veracity compels us to say, pardon the blushes, that the NEWS is a successful journal!

Musically inclined people will be glad to know that Mrs. Jeannette W. Crawford, who with her daughter, has taken the Steers cottage, is a very prominent musician. She is here for the sake of being in working distance of Mrs. Lucia Gale Barbour, a well known interpreter and monologist. Mrs. Crawford is a Massachusetts lady, has been organist for years of leading churches in Boston, Springfield and other cities. She has spent several years in Germany and for a few years past has been with Mrs. Barbour as accompanist. Our first knowledge of her came through the highly eulogistic notices of her work in the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. The number of first-class press notices these ladies have received in eastern conservative cities is something amazing.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Glee Club concert tonight at McDonald's hall; be sure and go.

R. Matz and family, moved into the Roberts house down on the Sheridan road yesterday.

Edward A. Small and family returned last week from California where he went nearly two years ago for his health.

The Fort Sheridan soldiers passed through this city Tuesday forenoon. They performed some wonderful feats while at the show in the coliseum.

"Why no," said the Knight of the Road, "I don't object to a ten cent lunch. The objection comes from the restaurater who objects to furnishing me the lunch till I put up the ten cents."

Our friend Pitts, the west side blacksmith, has taken in a partner, Mr. Genest, who was not reared in Brandon, Vt., where Mr. Pitts passed his boyhood, learned his trade and came west, as did Stephen A. Douglas before him.

A rumor has reached Dr. Styles that the school ma'ams and their friends are so pleased with his recent article in their behalf, that they have thought of getting up a "School Ma'am's Tea Party" in his honor. While he appreciates the high honor thus intended, he says he must decline, in advance; he is so out of practice at social functions that he fears he could not endure the ordeal. Meantime his heart beats for the school ma'ams.

If any one has doubts as to the utility, neatness and wisdom of good brick pavements on the business streets, let him go to Waukegan and see their streets, as we saw them Monday. If they would institute a plan of weekly sweeping, those brick streets would be as clean as a barn floor all the time. Why don't our aldermen and mayor, with half a dozen of St. Johns' owners, set a day to pay a visit to Waukegan some afternoon, giving their mayor and council notice, and have a good time and learn something, too.

We are glad to know that the brethren of the First Evangelical church, led by their pastor, Mr. Thoren, are doing all they can to effect a reconciliation and reunion of their divided interests. That is right; for there is no valid argument, human or divine, for perpetuating that division in this city; that fact we know after fifteen to twenty years spent in healing and re-uniting churches. Divisions are sometimes wise and necessary, but they don't come in that way.

For mortgage loans on real estate call on D. M. Erskine, Jr., & Co.

The macadamizing on Central avenue is taking shape and there is no reason why we should not have a first class street, if the contractor will put in work and material; let there be no scrimp in these matters.

M. Schleisinger Fils, of Belgium in Europe, advertises for oak sticks; 50 to 60 feet long and 18 by 18 inches and upwards. What do you think of that, you fellows who blow about your "big dimension stuff," 2x4's, and so on!

In behalf of the business men and women of this city we wish to say that a promise to pay your bill "next week" or even "as soon as you can" won't pay their bills, and further that people can't eat and drink promises; in fact, promises are not bankable funds.

About 25 little friends of Bessie Moore, daughter of R. E. Moore, surprised her on the occasion of her birthday, Thursday the 13th. They spent the time very pleasantly in games and plays; a very nice lunch was served. Bessie received many little remembrances of the day.

Strange things sometimes happen. Monday last the Waukegan dailies chronicled the visit to that hopeful but ancient city of Miss Erskine. Mrs. George B. Cummings, A. W. Fletcher, John Moore and other Highland Park celebrities. The same day our police judge was there, called on the newspaper offices, the County clerk, Treasurer, Recorder and Judge's offices, on several lawyers, restaurants, real estate men, shook hands with some of the clergy, paid a bill, looked into the banks, but not a word was said of it. Can we stand such boycotting as that of our ermine?

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